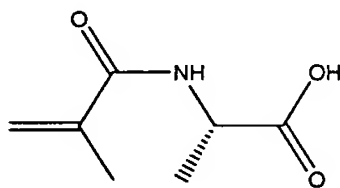


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Advisory Action states that Imazato (US 5,733,949) discloses “N-(meth)acrylolamine” at lines 42-43 which is alleged to be a secondary amine that does not have an aromatic group.

However, no such compound can be in Imazato. Applicants believe the Advisory Action is referring to “N-(meth)acryloylalamine” listed at col. 5, lines 42-43 and col. 26, lines 41-42 of Imazato, which the Applicants believe to contain a typographical error.

In Imazato, col. 5, lines 38-44 describe “compounds containing carboxylic group” (see lines 38-39), including N-(meth)acryloylalamine. However, there is no such compound as N-(meth)acryloylalamine. Instead, what is meant is N-(meth)acryloylalanine, which has the structure shown below, which indeed contains a carboxylic group.

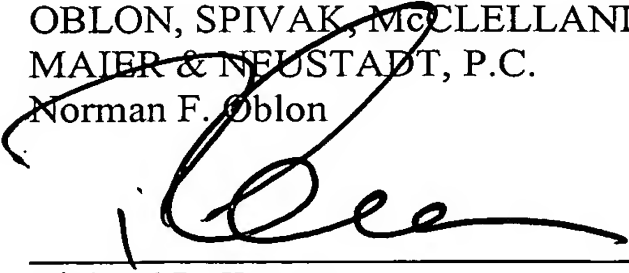


Note that this compound is an amide, not a secondary amine as maintained in the Advisory Action.

Applicants thus respectfully submit that the amendments to the claim, filed on May 27, 2004, place the application in condition for allowance because Imazato fails to disclose a secondary aliphatic amine as maintained in the Advisory Action. Early notification of such allowance is earnestly solicited.

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